

their mantles and swords and the insignia of their various offices, stood ranged in order from the doorway to the dais at the farther end of the room, with their swords raised and crossed. The room was hung with scarlet, decorated with innumerable banners, and brilliantly illuminated, the Sepulchre, with the cross, bearing the figure of our Saviour, being placed in the middle of the room. His Royal Highness was received on the dais by the Great Prior of Ireland, the Grand Master Emeritus Stuart of England, the Past Deputy Grand Master and Sub-Prior of Ireland, R. W. Shekelton; the Deputy Grand Master, the Rev. John Huyshe; the Deputy Grand Master Colonel Vernon. The installing Officer on the throne having placed the Grand Master Elect on his right, the Grand Master Emeritus Stuart on his left, the Deputy Grand Master (the Rev. J. Huyshe) next the Prince, the Past Deputy Grand Master and Sub-Prior of Ireland, (R. W. Shekelton) next Grand Master Stuart, and the Past Deputy Grand Master, (Colonel Vernon), next the Rev. J. Huyshe, the Installing Officer opened the Convent General, and called upon the Arch Registrar to read the statute of election. The Installing Officer then put the following questions to the Grand Master Elect:—

Installing Officer: Are you ready and willing to undertake the supreme government of these Orders in England and Ireland, and the dependencies of the British Crown?

His Royal Highness: I am.

Installing Officer: Will you observe all things that will promote the well-being and dignity thereof?

His Royal Highness: I will.

Installing Officer: Will you protect and uphold the same to the best of your ability?

His Royal Highness: I will.

Installing Officer: You will not acknowledge any superior, co-ordinate, or inferior jurisdiction?

His Royal Highness: I will not.

Installing Officer: You will not permit any authority or prerogative to be infringed?

His Royal Highness: I will not.

Installing Officer: You will uphold the Queen's supremacy?

His Royal Highness: I will.

Installing Officer: You will judge all equally without distinction of rank?

His Royal Highness: I will.

The Primate thereupon offered up the following prayer:

"O Lord, who ruleth the hearts of the greatest and humblest on earth, imbue this Thy servant and our Governor with a portion of Thy Divine grace, to the end that he may rule us aright, and, ever relying on Thy protection, he may glorify Thee in his works. Endow all those committed to his care with such a measure of Thy wisdom that they may render due obedience to him who, under Thy guiding power, has been set in authority over us. This we pray, through Christ our Prophet, Christ our Priest, and Christ our King."

The Grand Master Elect then took the oaths and signed the roll on the Sepulchre, the proper officers attending with the insignia of office—viz, steel chain, cross of Salem, sword, baton, ring, and book, which the Installing Officer took severally and delivered to the Grand Master at the Sepulchre. This solemn part of the ceremony having been con-